GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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GROWTH OF POPULATION
CHINMAYANAND;JAGMEET SINGH BRAR;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite several efforts to control the growth of population, the desired results have not been achieved so far;

(b) if so, whether there are any communities/segments or areas which have been unable to achieve the desired results;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any funds have been allocated/released by the World Bank for the population control schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) As per census 2001, the average exponential growth rate of population in the country declined to 1.93% during 1991 - 2001 as compared to 2.14% during 1981 - 91.

The pace o f achievement has varied among states, regions and districts. Nine States and Union Territories have achieved replacement levels of fertility and eleven more are poised to achieve the targets set in National Population Policy, 2000. However, the socio-demographic indices of Bihar, U.P., M.P., Orissa and Rajasthan need significant improvement.

The factors for high growth rate in population are low literacy levels, especially in women, women`s status in family and society, gaps in health infrastructure and supplies and felt need of high fertility due to high IMR and son preference etc.

(d) to (e) Funds provided by World Bank for India PopulationProjects and Reproductive and Child Health Sub-projects is given in the statement annexed.

ANNEXURE

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Project	Period	States/cities covered	Total cost	Funds released	Expenditure Reported
World Bank assisted India Population Project VIII	6.8.93 to 30.6.2002	Delhi, Kolkatta, Hyderabad, Bangalore & 73 cities of Andhra Pradesh, 11 cities of Karnataka and 10 cities of West Bengal	429.40	384.90	397.60
World Bank assisted India Population Project IX	16.06.1994 to 31.12.2001	3 cities of Assam, 13 districts of Karnataka and 10 districts of Rajasthan	422.58	354.37	384.53
RCH	01.10.1997	17 districts	286.96	201.50	126.70

(Reproductive & Child Health) Sub-Project	to 31.3.2003	and 7 cities of 17 States